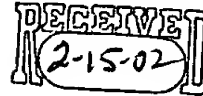


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED EXAMINATION

- 10 Per our conversation yesterday, the enclosed preliminary amendment renumbers the claims in consecutive order as you requested. Applicant thanks the Examiner for suggesting this amendment, as this amendment should make it easier to process the application. Please enter this amendment prior to beginning examination of the application.

- 15 Applicant also takes this opportunity to point out that this is a U.S. National Stage Application filed under 35 U.S.C. 371 and contains only claims that meet the criteria of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) as specified in the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) mailed June 5, 2001 (a copy of the IPER is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner - pages 4 and 6 clearly indicating the claims considered to meet the criteria of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)). Moreover, it should be noted that the defects noted on page 5 of the IPER and the objections
- 20 noted on page 7 of the IPER are resolved with the renumbering of the claims in this preliminary amendment. These indiscrepancies were a result of a misnumbering in the replacement pages of the response to the Written Opinion filed April 20, 2001 and were clearly correct in the amended pages of the response. Accordingly, Applicant requests that this application be taken up out of order per 37 CFR 1.496(b).

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